

Remark:

Claims 1-48 are pending in the present application and have been restricted. In the claim amendments, claims 1, 7-8, and 13 have been amended, and claims 5-6 and 26-30 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants herein provisionally elect without traverse Group I, claims 1-25 and 31-48, drawn to a product, classified in class 428, subclass 217. Applicants further elect a species of a pad with different hardness layers (claim 1). This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to the other group, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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